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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, PEPR, ID, CH  
SUBJECT: CHINESE NATIONALITY PROBLEMS IN INDONESIA

1. DURING JUNE 9 CONVERSATION, LIM BIAN KIE (INDONESIAN NAME NUSUF WANANDI) INFORMED AMBASSADOR AND DCM THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAS AGREED TO A NEW EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF CHINESE IN INDONESIA. ACCORDING TO BIAN KIE, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 900,000 CHINESE WHO HAVE EITHER STATELESS OR PRC STATUS. MANY OF THESE ARE PERSONS WHO EITHER DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION WHEN THEY WERE GIVEN THE ORIGINAL CHOICE OF CITIZENSHIP, WERE TOO FAR FROM THE CENTERS OF CIVILIZATION TO HEAR ABOUT THE CHOICE, OR WERE TOO POOR TO MAKE THEIR WAYS TO THE CENTERS OF AUTHORITY. WHILE UNWILLING TO GO INTO DETAIL SINCE THE METHODS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DECIDED UPON, BIAN KIE STATED THAT THE NEW CAMPAIGN WILL AIM AT A RAPID DECISION BY THE CHINESE WHO, IN TURN, WILL QUICKLY RECEIVE INDONESIAN CITIZENSHIP IF DESIRED; INSTEAD OF PAST PRACTICES WHICH REQUIRED APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AND RPH. 1 MILLION

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IN PAYOFFS TO ACHIEVE INDONESIAN NATIONALITY. HE ALSO DECLARED THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNITY HAS OFFERED TO PAY ALL EXPENSES FOR TEAMS TO GO THROUGHOUT INDONESIA TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL CHINESE HEAR OF OPPORTUNITY IN TIME, ARE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT AND RECEIVE CITIZENSHIP PROMPTLY. THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE PUTTING THE NEW PROGRAM INTO EFFECT WILL, HOPEFULLY, BE ISSUED

DURING THE FALL ACCORDING TO BIAN KIE.

2. IN HIS CONVERSATION, BIAN KIE MADE IT CLEAR THAT  
RENEWED EFFORT TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN BROUGHT  
ABOUT BY CHINESE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING HIMSELF, WHICH  
WISHES TO SEE AN END TO UNFAIR TREATMENT OF THEIR RACE,  
AS WELL AS BY INDONESIAN DESIRES TO RID THEMSELVES OF  
PROBLEM AND THE NEED TO PREPARE FOR RESUMPTION OF RE-  
LATIONS WITH PRC.  
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